

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-6, 8, 10, and 12-21 have been amended. Claims 1, 12, 15 and 19 are independent. Claims 2-11, 13-14, 16-18 and 20-22 depend from independent claims 1, 12, 15 and 19, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

a display communicatively coupled to at least one communication device, the communication device being in at least one of a "standby" mode and an "off" mode;

a communication network communicatively coupled to the at least one communication device; and

media content disposed in at least one of the communication network and the at least one communication device, the at least one communication device adapted to detect at least a portion of the media content that is newly accessible to the at least one communication device and to provide at least one indication[[s]]

relating to the detection of the newly ~~available~~accessible media content, the at least one indication[[s]] being provided on at least one of the display and the at least one communication device prior to accessing of the newly accessible media content by the at least one communication device.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a third party media server, a media exchange server, a third party media provider, a third party service provider, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a broadcast channel provider, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, and a wireless infrastructure.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises [[an]]the Internet.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one communication device comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a text display, a keyboard, a computer mouse, a remote control, an internal speaker, an

intercom system, an infrared transmitter, light emitting diodes (LED's), and a stereo system.

5. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the display is ~~at least one~~one or more of a CRT-based television, a high definition TV (HDTV), a plasma display system, and a projection television.

6. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of third party media content, user-created media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, non-broadcast media content, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and on-demand movies.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein the media content comprises non-broadcast information.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one indication~~[[s]]~~ relating to the detection of the newly available media content comprises ~~at least one~~one or both of a display pop-up window notification~~[[,]]~~ and a display ghost overlay notification.

9. (Original) The system according to claim 8, wherein the display is in a "standby" mode.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one indication[[s]] relating to the detection of the newly available media content comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a text display announcement, activating LED's, and an audible announcement.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein the display is in an "off" mode.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

at least one processor disposed in a communication device, the communication device being in a "standby" mode and communicatively coupled to a communication network, the at least one processor detecting newly accessible media content on the communication network and providing at least one indication[[s]] relating to the detection of the newly available~~accessible~~ media content, wherein the at least one processor provides the at least one indication

prior to accessing of the newly accessible media content by the communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein the communication device comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a text display, a keyboard, a computer mouse, a remote control, an internal speaker, an intercom system, an infrared transmitter, light emitting diodes (LED's), and a stereo system.

14. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein the at least one indication[[s]] relating to the detection of the newly available media content comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a display pop-up window notification, a display ghost overlay notification, a text display announcement, activating LED's, and an audible announcement.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

(a)—detecting newly available media content by a communication device in at least one of a “standby” mode and an “off” mode, the communication device communicatively coupled to a communication network; and

(b)—generating at least one indication relating to the detection of the newly available media content, prior to accessing of the newly accessible media content by the communication device.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one indication is in ~~at least one~~one or more of a text format, a graphic format, and an audio format.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one indication relating to the detection of the newly available media content comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a display pop-up window notification, a display ghost overlay notification, a text display announcement, activating LED's, and an audible announcement.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, ~~further~~ comprising:

(c)—displaying the constructed at least one indication on the communication device, the communication device being in a "standby" mode.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for managing newly accessible media content on a communication network, comprising:

(a)—detecting newly accessible media content by a communication device, the communication device communicatively coupled to a communication network;

(b)—displaying a notice relating to the availability of the newly accessible media content on a text display, the text display communicatively coupled to the communication device;

(c)—activating at least one of an integrated television and an external television; and

(d)—displaying a graphic notice for the availability of the newly accessible media content on at least one of the integrated television and the external television, wherein the displaying of one or both of the notice and the graphic notice occurs prior to accessing of the newly accessible media content by the communication device.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein at ~~least one~~one or both of the integrated television and the external television is in a “standby” mode.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:

(e)—generating an audible alert signal for the availability of the newly accessible media content.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein at ~~least one~~one or both of the integrated television and the external television is in an "off" mode.